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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicants:

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2003 (Paper no. 19), Applicants are filing this Amendment and Response and respectfully request consideration of the following remarks. A copy of the amended claims is provided below as Attachment A, beginning at page i. Applicants are also filing a Request for a Three-month Extension of Time to extend the deadline for filing to January 2, 2004.

**AMENDMENT**

Following entry of this Amendment claims 98-118 are pending. Claims 98, 99, 103 and 113 are amended to remove the unnecessary limitation "priority" from the term "code" because, unlike the cited art, Applicants claimed subject matter, prioritization may actually occur in multiple mailboxes. Claim 106 is amended to further reflect this feature, i.e. in amended claim 106, the assigned code is identified as an "identity" code rather than a priority code.